

Daniel Hendrickson House
Holland, Holmdel Township
Monmouth County, New Jersey

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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Daniel Hendrickson House
Holland, Holmdel Township*
Monmouth County, New Jersey

Owner: James P. Hendrickson, 23 LeRoy Place,
Red Bank, New Jersey

Date of Erection: 1700-1720, and remodelled
ca. 1850

Architect: Unknown

Builders: (1) Daniel Hendrickson (died 1728) and
(2) William H. Hendrickson (1813-99)

Present Condition: As remodelled, well maintained

Number of Stories: One and one-half, with part
cellar and garret

Materials of Construction:

Foundation - stone for older part,
brick for addition
Exterior walls - timber frame shingled
or clapboarded
Interior walls - lath and plaster on
wood studding
Chimneys - brick, built into inside of
gable end walls
Roof - gable, modern asphalt over previous
wood shingles

Historical Data:

The antiquity of this Dutch farmhouse is greatly disguised by remodelling, and by the addition of the wide veranda and the cornice battlements, both features added in the fashion of 1850. But the house is remarkable for having been the seat of the family

* Locally, this house is considered to lie within the confines of the village of Middletown, but actually it is west of the line, in the adjacent Holmdel Township.

of Hendrickson ever since its first erection "between 1700 and 1720". The following account of the first builder and of the successive owners is derived from search of title in the public records.

By an indenture(a) dated 23 September 1693 for transferring use into possession, Daniel Hendrickson and John Guybertson of Flatbush, Kings County, (Long Island) New York, agreed to pay William Whitlock of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey 25 Pounds per annum until 10 March 1697 as purchase price of a certain 104 acre tract bounded partly on Mohoras Brook in the latter place, reciting their lease of the same from said Whitlock dated 22 September 1692. This tract of 104 acres "on Strawberry field" along Mohoras Brook had been patented to said William Whitlock on 10 January 1676/7(b). Between the date first cited above and 16 May 1698, as follows, this Daniel Hendrickson removed from Flatbush, L.I. to Middletown Township, and settled on the homestead farm there, acquiring at the latter date, another tract of 104 acres (next adjacent on the north of that leased in 1692) as follows:

By deed of 16 May 1698, John Whitlock late of Middletown but now of Freehold, Monmouth County, conveyed to Daniel Hendrickson of the former place, for 160 pounds, four tracts there, (1) the 104 acre farm "at a place called Strawberry Hill now in the occupation of said Daniel, "being 20 chains in breadth and 52 in length, bounded south by land late of William Whitlock, East by that of Thomas Whitlock, North by a small run from the hill, and West by another small brook running into Mohoras Brook, reciting this tract having been patented to grantor by the Lords Proprietors of the

(a) Recorded in Mon. Co. Deed Bk. C, p. 72

(b) Sec published N. J. Archives, Vol. 21, p. 26

Province 20 January 1676(c); (2) a tract adjacent to the same on Mohoras Brook; (3) 13 acres of meadow at Shoole Harbor; and (4) 9 acres of same; also conveying to Hendrickson one 128th part of an undivided 64th part of the Province, "with all the quarries, mines, minerals, woods" etc.(d)

This Daniel Hendrickson, pioneer of this line of the family in Monmouth County, served on the grand jury there in March 1699, was summoned to serve again in 1700, but with others refused and was fined accordingly. In 1704 and 1705 he was appointed a constable for Middletown, and in 1708 sheriff of the county, the first dutchman so to hold that office there. In 1709 he was one of the organizers of the Dutch church at Marlborough and was Captain of the township militia in 1727.

By his wife Tryntje daughter of Jan Janse Van Dyke and wife Teuntje Thyse Laen Van Pelt of Kings County, L.I., Daniel Hendrickson had issue: 1. Goesje b. 9 Oct. 1696 in Flatbush wife of Roelef Schenck; 2. Teuntje bap. 9 Apr. 1699 in Brooklyn, wife of Jonathan Holmes Jr.; 3. Hendrick 1700-1753*; 4. Jan b. ca. 1702; 5. Mayke wife of Geysbert Van Mater; 6. Tryntje, wife of Henry Dusenberry; 7. William bapt. 6 Nov. 1709; 8. Amnetje bap. 30 Dec. 1711, wife of William Couwenhoven; 9. Francyntje, wife of Teunnis Denyse; 10. Jannetje, wife of Roelef Couwenhoven; and 11. Daniel of whom further.(e)

- (c) 10 January 1676/7, Patent of John Whitlock of Middletown for (1) 104 a. bounded S. by Wm. Whitlock, N. by a small run, (2) 28 a. of meadow E. of Wm. Whitlock. See publ. N.J. Archives Vol. 21, p. 26
- (d) Recorded in Secretary's Book I. p. 166, now in office of Secretary of State
- (*) Hendrick Hendrickson whose house surveyed by HABS as NJ-544
- (e) Geo. Beekman, Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth County, N.J., publ. 1901, pp. 113 &c.

By his will dated 16 November 1727, proved 29 January 1727/28, Daniel Hendrickson of Middletown, Monmouth County, Gentleman, devised to his sons Hendrick and John, respectively the plantation on which each then resided; to his son William half the salt meadow lots at Conescunk Neck and 300 acres elsewhere; and to his wife Tryntje the use of his homestead plantation and three parcels of land more, with the use of his personal estate during her widowhood or until his youngest son Daniel attains the age of 21 years, at which time the said plantation is devised to that son, all four sons to pay cash bequests to the seven daughters, and appoints as executors son, Hendrick Hendrickson, and son-in-law Roeliff Schenck and Jonathan Holmes Jr.(f)

The inventory of the personal estate of "Captain Daniel Hendrickson" abovesaid, dated 23 May 1728, amounted to L 1130.08 sh. $\frac{1}{2}$ d., including 2 swords, a male pillion and portmantle, 2 pistols, a large bible and 6 smaller books, 6 negroes, hides, horses, cattle, flour, etc., and bonds and debts due from 36 parties named.(g)

Daniel² Hendrickson, youngest son and devisee of the Pioneer as above, was born on the homestead 5 January and baptized 5 May 1723. He took title to the paternal plantation upon coming of age and resided thereon until his death on 24 June 1788, and was buried in the family burying ground there, as his gravestone shows. By his wife Catherine, born 2 June 1720, who died 5 May 1810, (youngest daughter of Cornelius Couwenhoven and his wife, Margaretta Schenck) and whom he had married 22 December 1743, Daniel² Hendrickson had issue:

1. Daniel D. b. 29 Oct. 1744, who d. 23 Nov. 1836;
2. Cornelius b. 28 Aug. 1747, who d. 10 Oct. 1802;
3. Catherine b. 8 Aug. 1753, who d. unmar. on the

(f) Copy of will appears in (c) p. 155. Abstract of same published in N.J. Archives, Vol. 23, p. 222.
(g) Abstract publ. in N.J. Archives, Vol. 30, p. 230.

homestead, 1 Mar. 1835. 4. Hendrick of whom further; and 5 William bap. 22 Nov. 1761, who died unmarried.(c) The father having died intestate, administration upon his estate was granted to his widow on 31 July 1788.

Hendrick³ Hendrickson, born 2 May 1758, third of the four sons of Daniel Hendrickson, abovesaid, succeeded his father in the possession of the homestead here considered, having acquired the same by quitclaim deeds of 26 August 1789 from his brothers Daniel and Cornelius and their mother, Catherine Hendrickson, for the eastern part thereof, and of 1 April 1800 from their sister, Catherine for the western. This Hendrick Hendrickson occupied the place and died there on 1 December 1840 having married 13 May 1781 Francinke Couwenhoven, born 18 November 1763, who died 26 March 1845 (a daughter of Cornelius R. Couwenhoven and his wife Jane Denise), by whom he had issue: 1. Catherine bap. 14 March 1782, wife of Garret Lane of Piscataway, Middlesex County; 2. William Henry of whom further; and 3. Jane born 6 March 1792, wife of Garret D. Hendrickson.(e)

By his will dated 9 December 1834, proved 21 December 1840, Hendrick³ Hendrickson of Middletown Township provided for his wife Francinke, and daughters Catherine Lane and Jane Hendrickson, and devised "The farm of 296 acres where I now live", with all stock in the same, to his grandson William Henry Hendrickson, reserving one acre "to be used as a burying ground for the Hendrickson family and their connections, to include the present graveyard," he to pay to his sisters Sarah Ann, Francinke, and Mary, \$2000 each. By a deed of 16 Aug. 1838, the same testator conveyed to the grandson a tract of 122.87 acres, adjacent on the west of the homestead tract.

William Henry⁴ Hendrickson, born 28 January 1787, died 9 February 1831, before his father, and was succeeded by his son William Henry⁴ as devisee of the latter as abovesaid. By his wife Eleanor Du Bois

(a daughter of Charles and Anne (Hendrickson) Du Bois), he had issue: 1. William Henry of whom further; 2. Sarah Ann born 14 Apr. 1816, wife of the Rev. Garret C. Schenck; 3. Charles Du Bois b. 21 Apr. 1818 who d. 31 Oct. 1834; 4. Francinke b. 18 Aug. 1822, wife of George W. Cox; and 5 Mary, b. 1 Oct. 1825, wife of Henry Corlies.(e)

The Honorable William Henry⁵ Hendrickson (Jr.) born 3 June 1813, grandson of Daniel³ Hendrickson, abovenamed, and devisee of the ancestral estate, occupied the same and devised it by will dated 11 October 1893 to his son James P. Hendrickson thus, "all that part of my Homestead Farm in Holmdel* Township whereon I now live, lying east of the center of the public road running along and through my said Homestead Farm, known as the Tanners Landing Road, which part so devised is known as the Neck Woods and Neck Meadow", and this son is the present owner at the time of our survey of the house. William Henry⁵ Hendrickson, abovesaid, served three terms as Senator from Monmouth County, 1858-61, 1872-75, and 1875-78.(h)

Architectural Analysis:

Opposite page 114 in reference (e) appears a photograph of the house here surveyed, with the caption, "Dwelling House on Hendrickson Homestead at Holland, N. J. The original part was built by Daniel Hendrickson the first settler between 1700 and 1720

*Holmdel and Matawan Townships had been created from Raritan in 1857, which had been formed from Middletown in 1848. This house is located in the first named, near the western line of the last.

(h) See Franklin Ellis, History of Monmouth County, N.J. (1885) p. 840 for biographical notice of Senator Hendrickson.

remodelled and enlarged by the late Hon. William Henry Hendrickson."

George Beekman (supra) assigns the original unit of this house to "between 1700 and 1720", the latter year being seven before the death of Daniel Hendrickson the builder and occupant as shown above, and that period appears likely in view of the history of estate and family as well as by an examination of the structure itself in this survey. Miss Bailey* states that Daniel Hendrickson "is supposed to have built this house between 1700 and 1720; an even earlier date is possible unless it supersedes a temporary structure," without analyzing the house itself. Hendrickson is of record as settling in Middletown between 1693 and 1698, as above.

In the drawing recording the results of our survey of the basement of this house appear near the center the stone foundations of a cellar of same 25 by 32 feet outside dimensions, evidently those of the original house. To the east of this unit appear the brick foundations of the first addition, and to the west the stone ones of the third operation, this last being unexcavated.

The first floor of the original unit of 1700-1720 would then comprise the rooms labeled on our drawing of the present condition, nos. 9 and 13, with the stairhall no. 8, an arrangement common to early Dutch Farmhouses but with the rear end of the hall partitioned off as a bedroom. An example of this is still to be found in the central unit of the well known house of Abraham Staats, built in or soon after 1738 in the present borough of South Bound Brook (NJ-57), a unit to which, as in extension was made subsequently.

*R.F. Bailey, Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families, etc. (1936) p. 402.

In this Hendrickson house the western end, containing the two rooms nos. 7 and 14 on the first floor, was evidently the last addition, made about 1850, as the moldings of the window and passage door trim as well as the separate fireplaces indicate. At the same time, all of the doors and windows in the original unit, its mantels, stairway and other interior woodwork, were replaced by those now existing, all in conformity with the newer fashion, as is obvious from the design and details of each. Likewise, the originally open garret was partitioned into rooms lighted by low windows inserted under the north eaves and by dormers introduced above the south ones. The crowning transformation is the pseudo-Greek columned wide veranda which masks the west end and much of the south front, and the most incongruous "battlements" applied to all eaves cornices and gable ends of the entire house in the carpenter gothic" fashion. Fortunately, the fabric of the house itself remains, exhibiting the low side walls and widespread gable of the original Dutch farmhouse.

We are informed that the large open shed annexed to the east end of the house was originally the "still house" or distillery for the neighborhood. Some evidence of this use remains in the water conveniently supplied by a well therein. The present owner confirms our conclusion that the great open fireplace as originally built in room no. 9 has been since closed up with the existing brick wall (ornamented with Delf glazed tiles from the surround of the same) when an iron stove heater was introduced and the present marble mantel substituted for the older wood one, during the regrettable remodeling of the house circa 1850 (see photograph herewith).

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